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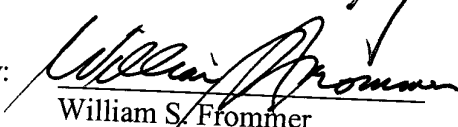
Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Group I claims 1-17 for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application to re-present nonelected claims 18-40.

An early examination on the merits of the elected claims is solicited.

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